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SUPERB BOOM IN STRIKERS

— By Andrew Dettre —

The Socceroos go into their first training camp on April 24 in their preparation for the match against England at the end of May.

The man with most reasons to smile, watching the Philips League parade unfold, must surely be national coach Rudi Gutendorf.

Many of his players chosen or close to being given the nod are in startling form.

Sydney City's Ken Boden, Kevin Mullen and now Murray Barnes, Heidelberg's Jim Tansey, Theo Selemides and Gary Cole, Marconi's Eddie Krncevic and Peter Sharne, Canberra's Sebastian Giampaolo and some others are playing the lead roles for their team.

In fact, one cannot recall any other period in Australian soccer when so many brilliant strikers — many of them very young — were vying for a spot in the national team.

The age-old malady of Australian soccer — inability to produce good strikers — may have been cured: Gutendorf's problem is now which one to bypass?

There are Krncevic, Sharne, Boden, Giampaolo, Cole and O'Connor all with strong claims followed by others temporarily out of favor: Nyskohus, Kosmina, Jankovics and Brennan.

Ten top strikers — something Australian soccer never had, even in the halcyon days of mass imports.

And to make this an even more pleasing phenomenon: all but Boden and O'Connor were either born in this country or learned their game here.

The same applies to midfielders and defenders where exciting young talent seems to abound.

There can be no doubt any more that the fruits of the Philips League are beginning to ripen.

The keen rivalry, high stakes, intensive coaching and concentration of talents in the capital cities is now showing its predicted results: a higher standard of soccer.

Even the crowd figures tend to indicate renewed interest as 3,000-plus attendances at recent St.George and Sydney City matches prove.

Terry Smith of Sydney City rushes to greet John Stevenson (on ground) after one of the midfielder's brilliant goals against West Adelaide.

Sydney City president Frank Lowy (left) and vice president Andrew Lederer looking strangely glum in the VIP box last Sunday — though by then the score stood at 5-0.

EURO CUP ON RADIO

Australian fans can hear a full 90 minute broadcast of the Nottingham Forest v Ajax European Cup match.

The broadcast will be on Radio 2EA — Ethnic Radio — but in English.

These are the broadcast times in the various States:

In Melbourne, Brisbane and Canberra, 'live,' at 4.30am on Thursday; in Adelaide at 4am, in Perth at 2.30am.

In Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong, it will be a delayed broadcast, at 4pm on Thursday, because 2EA failed to persuade a Greek-language broadcast to vacate their normal spot.

Radio 2EA is on about 850 on your AM scale.

MARCONI $55,000 BETTER DEVELOPED

Marconi-Fairfield this week announced a $55,000 sponsorship deal for 1980.

The major sponsor will be Smithfield Mall Pty.Ltd., a land developer, whose managing director, Gary Dent, has been a long-time Marconi supporter.

The two auxiliary sponsors are Alitalia airlines and a wine importing company, which wants no publicity.

The announcement was made at the Marconi club by Gary Dent, Marconi president Angelo Bagatella and the club's soccer general manager, Tony Labbozzetta as well as representatives of the two minor sponsors.

In addition to supplying a substantial part of the $55,000, Smithfield Mall will also finance an extensive junior coaching scheme in schools in the area, devised by Marconi's Milorad Urukalo.

Players to take part will include Peter Sharne, Eddie Krncevic, Peter Raskopoulos, Tony Henderson, Bertie Mariani and Urukalo himself.

The first school visited this week will be the Fairfield Patrician Brothers — a noted bastion of rugby league football. Until now, anyway...

Marconi's team will wear the Smithfield logo on their shirts.

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2 TO 6

Conducted by Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna

Guildford County (2nd div.) went into attack aided by the strong wind from the kick off and didn't give Dee Why a chance to settle in their first grade match last Sunday. At the ten minute mark P. Thomas gave a good through ball for S. Moss to slide under the keeper. In the 35th minute H. Walzl hit the ball from 20 metres to see it hit the post with S.Moss there for the rebound to give the first half a score of 2-0 to County. Ten minutes into the second half P. Thomas took the ball from midfield, beating four Dee Why players and drawing the keeper out to score a neat goal in the bottom left hand corner of the net. In the 57th minute H. Walzl, with brilliant ball control turned and split the Dee Why defence, slipping the ball to Martin Hoare who volleyed it home. In 2nd grade, the first goal came in the 30th min. from a freekick taken by R. Metcalfe for L. Pickett to score. The second was scored by J. Zoppalaro. Third grade took the points with a 2-1 result with outstanding players being Kevin Cattell, Colin Smith and Bobby Nicholson. Manager, Basil Bull, feels the win is a result of a good solid effort by all players.

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Eastwood St.Andrews (4th div.) kicked off the season with an excellent 4-0 win against Revesby Rovers. Playing against the strong wind Eastwood were one goal up in the first half and went on to add three more goals. The scorers were Greg Parkins (2), Peter Barron (1) and John McAlinden (1). In the second grade Eastwood again were the masters and finished 4-1 winners.

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Queens Park - Eastern Suburbs, defeated Marrickville 1-0 with an excellent goal by Michael Evans from a brilliant through-ball by Gary Higginson (midfielder). The Queens Park defence contained the majority of the Marrickville attacks and the Marrickville 'keeper had a very good game at the other end. In the second half, playing with the wind, Queens Park dominated play with Tom Sweeney having a particularly fine game as did Russell Chapman at fullback.

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Liverpool City (6th div.) came away from Blamfield Oval with four points last weekend. In first grade (2-1) George Schmco was the scorer in the first half from 18 metres. With a 1-1 halftime score, G. Schmco again scored, making a breakaway run, drawing the 'keeper out to put the ball past and into the net. City's players enjoyed a celebration social at the Newbrighton Gold Club afterwards.

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Fairfield West (5th div.) gave a magnificent team effort to defeat Auburn Juniors 4-0. Two very good saves by David Southgate kept the score at nil against with Wests' captain Neil Burrows also having had an excellent game. Goals for Fairfield West were scored by F.Marsh (2), J. Taggs (1) and P. Ashby (1). Reserve grade, in another very good team effort, ran out winners 5-1. The outstanding player was David Stronach (midfielder). Goal scorers were: F. Leggett (1), P. Smith (2), T. Douglas (1) and E. Nesti (1).

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West St.George (5th div.) with several first graders out, held Pagewood to an 0-0 draw in first grade last weekend, despite a penalty awarded to Pagewood in the first five minutes. The St.George 'keeper did a magnificent job. In the reserve grade it was a rather lacklustre half with Ray Cush (midfielder) being the outstanding player for Wests in the second half and goalkeeper Owen Ismay in good form. Secretary, Gerry Evans hopes they continue the good form throughout the season.

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Holroyd Rangers (4th div.) failed to play their first round of matches as the sides have withdrawn from the competition for the season. This means that there are only 11 teams in the fourth division and there will be a bye each week. The end of Holroyd Rangers came as a result of financial difficulties and the failure of the players to keep up with the membership costs.

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Kingsford (3rd div.) were the hosts to Bonnyrigg Eagles in the first round played at Erskineville Oval, the new home ground for Kingsford. The second grade was won by Kingsford 2-1 but the home side suffered a 0-3 defeat in the first grade. Playing with the wind Kingsford failed to penetrate the strong Bonnyrigg defence and having full control of the game, Daniel Yousif fobbed an easy goal for the Eagles to make it 0-1 at halftime. In the second half Emmanual Isaac received a beautiful ball from Martin Bazi and hammered it into the net. The third goal cam efrom a direct corner kick taken by Tony Oshana. Philip Philippo, the young Kingsford goalkeeper cannot take all the blame as the first and last goals conceded were very much helped by the windy conditions.

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Liverpool Albions (3rd div.) travelled to Meadowbank for their first competition matches and came back with two convincing wins. The seconds won 8-0 against West Ryde District. The first grade won 2-1 after being behind 1-0 at halftime. West Ryde's goal was scored from the penalty shot and the Liverpool goals were both scored by Frank Knight and came in the 35th and 37th minutes of the match.

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Eastwood Creek, Namatjira (4th div.) had a hard fight against Canley Heights to come out 2-1 winners in first grade last weekend. Canley Heights scored within five minutes and Andy Muir equalised for Namatjira soon afterwards. The winning goal was scored by Dave Nolan 18 minutes from the end. Namatjira's new coach, John Jancek is doing an excellent job and is very pleased with his sides. Two other new players, Malcolm Trowell, striker, and Keith Reckwood, goalkeeper, both ex-West Holroyd Players, are fitting in very well.

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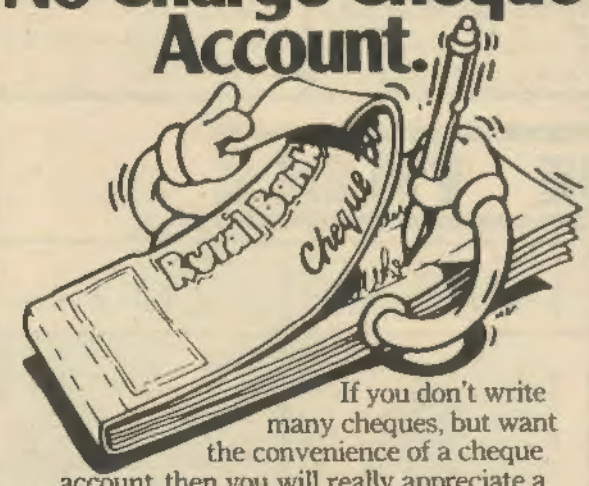

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CLUB PATROL

Many neutral observers and devoted soccer followers from both clubs were upset and annoyed at the reaction of some 'fans' at last week's Croatia-Olympic match who pelted referee RICHARD LORENC with missiles. Neutral observers say Lorenc handled the difficult match with fairness and authority, while Housseini deserved his expulsion. It is a pity some fans cannot take defeat as easily as they accept victory...

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North Sydney's secretary ARCHIE BLUE: "We are well pleased with the point, especially against such opponents as Melita. I think now a lot of people will recognise we are not the easybeats everyone has been making out."

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Ku-ring-gai's coach FRANK MALONE: "I was pleased with the fighting spirit and character the team showed in coming back from 0-2. In the past the players had also been giving everything, but only as individuals. Now they are a team."

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Melita's president EMMANUEL SAID: "We really dropped our bundle. I don't think we expected so much fight from North Sydney. Their defence was very strong."

FRANK MALONE is singing the praises of his young right back at Ku-ring-gai, ROBBIE WHEATLEY. Frank rates him as one of the best defenders in the state, and claims he would grace the national under-19 team if given the chance to prove himself.

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MARK DAVIS is carrying a leg injury which will receive thorough treatment before he plays again for Bankstown this week.

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Arncliffe Scots officials were impressed with the way JOHN LEE played last week against his old club. They feel the match finally brought him out of his shell and he should begin to show his real worth from now on.

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"Perhaps we took them a little too lightly," said Bankstown's PR man STAN PECK after the drubbing at the hands of Arncliffe. "I don't think we realised how different a side they are compared to last year's unit."

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Bankstown's midfielder CRAIG PECK turned 21 on Wednesday.

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The Melita Soccer Club has organised a 'rabbit night' at the Phoenecian Club for Saturday, April 12. Anyone interested in attending should contact the club. The function is to raise funds for the soccer team.

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Arncliffe's JOHN LEE had some famous names as mates when he was an apprentice at Celtic in 1971. Sharing his duties at the famous Scottish ground were LOU MACARI, DAVID HAY, DANNY McGRAIN and KENNY DALGLISH.

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JIM BOTTALICO made his return to the North Sydney team last week after recovering from a broken ankle.

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A new signing for Ku-ring-gai is DEREK GRIFFITHS. Derek, 23, is originally from England. He was spotted playing in the Bondi area by FRANK MALONE's assistant coach STAN FOSTER and asked along to the club where he has now settled in.

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Arncliffe's youth coach JOHN DAVIES has been working hard to build up the Federation under 14,15 and 16 sides this year. Both he and the club are looking to long term results.

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A lot of people were surprised to see North Sydney's famous secretary ARCHIE BLUE don a team shirt and go on with 15 minutes to go in the match against Canterbury two weeks ago. But he says that last year he did it several times in crucial matches when the youngsters began to look a little lost.

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NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

(Under 14,15 & 16)

WESTERN DIVISION

ROUND 6, APRIL 12

Gladesville	v	Southern District	Saturday, Ernie Smith
Polonia	v	Marconi	Saturday, Chopin
Melita	v	Western NSW	Saturday, Everley
Baulkham Hills	v	Nepean	Saturday, Cook
Blacktown City	v	Blacktown Azzurri	Saturday, Marayong
Blacktown United	v	Auburn	Saturday, Mona

EASTERN DIVISION

ROUND 6, APRIL 12

Sydney City	v	Ku-ring-gai	Saturday, Moore Park
St.George	v	Canterbury	Saturday, Arlington
Sutherland	v	APIA	Saturday, Bates Drive
Illawarra	v	Sydney Olympic	Saturday, Pratten Park
Central Coast	v	BYE	
Manly	v	Arncliffe Scots	Saturday, Hurstville Oval
Southern Eastern	v	Bankstown	Saturday, Jellicoe

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

WESTERN	18s	15s	14s
Marconi v Sth.Dist.	10-0	2-4	1-1
Gladesville v W.NSW	0-0	21-0	5-0
Polonia v Nepean	0-2	0-3	0-8
Melita v Blackt.Ass.	6-3	4-0	4-0
B.Hills v Bl.Utd.	0-1	1-2	2-0
Auburn v Blacktn.C.	4-4	4-3	1-3
Nepean v Melita	0-1	2-2	8-0
W.NSW v Polonia	3-0	2-2	7-0
Marconi v Gladesv.	5-5	0-9	1-1
Bl.Utd. v Bl.City	0-3	0-0	2-3
Bl.Ass. v B.Hills	3-2	0-8	0-4
Auburn v Sth.Dist.	6-2	4-0	3-3

EASTERN			
Syd.City v Manly	3-2	3-2	1-6
St.George v Kuringai	1-0	2-0	5-0
Suther.v Canterbury	4-0	0-0	1-0
Illawarra v APIA	2-1	1-3	2-1
Central C.v Olympic	0-14	3-1	8-0
Arncliffe v Sth.East.	0-5	1-2	1-3
Syd.City v Sth.East	1-2	2-1	0-2
St.George v Manly	0-2	2-1	3-0
Suther.v Kuringai	3-1	0-0	7-0
Illawarra v Canterb.	2-0	1-3	2-1
Central C.v APIA	—	1-3	0-3
Arncliffe v Bankst.	0-2	0-4	1-5

STANDINGS:

West — U-16: Marconi 10 pt., Auburn 9, Blacktown Assoc. 8, Blacktown City 8, Melita 7, Gladesville 6, Nepean 5, West NSW 5, Polonia 4, Baulkham Hills 2, Blacktown United 2, South. Districts 1 — **U-15:** Gladesville 10, Auburn 9, Melita 8, South. Districts 8, Nepean 7, Blacktown United 5, Baulkham Hills 4, Marconi 4, Blacktown Assoc., 2, Blacktown City 1, Polonia 1, West NSW 1 — **U-14:** Blacktown City 10, Nepean 8, Marconi 8, Baulkham Hills 7, Gladesville 7, Melita 6, Polonia 5, South.Districts 5, Blacktown Assoc. 4, Auburn 3, West NSW 2, Blacktown Utd. 0pt.

West — U.16: Sydney City 8, Manly 8, Bankstown 6, Illawarra 6, South-East 6, St.George 6, Sutherland 6, APIA 4, Canterbury 4, Kuringai 4, Olympic 4, Arncliff 2, Central Coast 0pt — **U-15:** St.George 10, Canterbury 9, Sydney City 8, Sutherland 7, APIA 6, Illawarra 6, Bankstown 5, Kuringai 5, Arncliffe 2, Manly 2, Central Coast 2, South-East 2, Olympic 0pt. — **U-14:** Sutherland 9, St.George 9, Illawarra 9, APIA 8, Central Coast 6, South-East 6, Bankstown 5, Arncliffe 4, Sydney City 2, Canterbury 2, Kuringai 2, Manly 2, Olympic 0pt.

NSW DRAW

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DIVISION 2

Gladesville Hornsby v Gladesville Ravens, Sat., Pioneer Park; North Bankstown v Campbelltown, Sun., Potts Park; Queens Park E/S v Baulkham Hills, Sat., (to be advised); Guildford County v Marrickville, Sun., Guildford Park; Lethbridge Rangers v Dee Why, Sun., Popondetta Park; Lane Cove v Yagoona, Sun., Pottery Green.

DIVISION 3

Sydney Uni. v Bonnyrigg Eagles, Saturday, St.John's; Artarmon v West Ryde Rovers, Sun., Artarmon Reserve; Hurstville-Zagreb v Kingsford, Sun., Evatt Park; Bondi Marines v Port Hacking, Sat., Waverley Oval; Riverstone v Wenty Waratahs, Sun., Schofields Park; Liverpool Albion v North Ryde, Sun., Stanwell Oval.

DIVISION 4

BYE v Ryde District; Chelsea v Revesby Rovers, Sat., Moore Park; Eastern Creek v Fairfield Kiev, Sun., Cawarra Park; Padstow Park v Canley Heights, Sun., Walshaw Park; Paddington Spanish v West Holroyd G/C, Sun., Campbell Park; Eastwood S/A v Maroubra United, Sun., Eastwood Oval.

DIVISION 5

Edensor Park v Macquarie Uni., Sun., King Tomislav Park; Camden v Concordia, Sat., Ponderosa Park; Pagewood v Winston Hills, Sun., Jellicoe Park; Auburn Juniors v West St.George, Sun., Progress Park; Sydney Maccabi v Fairfield West, Sun., Cricket Ground 2; North Rocks v Haberfield B/D's, Sun., Murray Farm Reserve.

DIVISION 6

Blacktown Wanderers v Hawkesbury Dist., Sun., Grantham High School; Mt.Pritchard v Liverpool Rangers, Sun., Parker Reserve; Chullora v Glenquarie United, Sun., Soccer Centre; Liverpool City v South Sydney Dist., Sun., Ernie Smith Reserve; Liverpool United v Green Valley Utd., Sun., Childs Park; Bankstown Sports v Moorebank, Sun., Condell Park H/S.

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PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

Leaders may sneak from pack

— By Andrew Dettre —

The three PSL leaders, Sydney City, Heidelberg and Marconi, all in explosive form, are likely to keep up the hot pace by scoring more wins this weekend.

Having bagged an amazing 12 goals between them last Sunday, the first two are the Philips League's boom teams, giving thrilling displays — and brushing aside everything except the most determined and composed opposition.

Both teams are unbeaten after five rounds and both have scored 15 goals so far, for an average of three a game.

If room at the top is thinning out a bit, it's becoming most congested near the bottom where, one suspects, the fight against relegation is in many minds, even if not on all lips.

The most devastating bad season start was by the Adelaide teams, having gained only seven of the possible 20 points between them.

They have played and lost all five games away from home and it will take some time to weather last week's Easter slaughter of West Adelaide.

This week's prospects:

NEWCASTLE v CANBERRA

Having climbed to a highly respectable position, Newcastle must be full of confidence, specially after their dashing last minute win in Brisbane.

Goals still don't seem to come too freely for them but at least their defence is tight, giving little away.

And this time they'll have to be on their best behaviour, as Canberra do have the strikers to bother any team.

If Giampaolo is fit by the weekend, he could revel in the spacious atmosphere of the International Sports Centre.

There won't be much between these two friendly rivals at the end and it wouldn't surprise us to see an amicable sharing of the points.

Our tip: 1-1 draw.

HEIDELBERG v BRISBANE CITY

It's unfair to expect the twin-coached Heidelberg to play like the old Real Madrid every week — but when they do, I honestly cant see them lose.

While most of the glamor and glitter belongs to Cole, Paton and Campbell, Heidelberg's real strength is its perfectly organised defence and midfield where all the great creations are dreamed up.

None play better than Pat Bannon and Jim Tansey but the secret of the team is an absence of weak spots.

Against this awesome might, the woodenspooners, Brisbane City, cannot expect much mercy.

Our tip: Heidelberg 4-0.

MARCONI v FOOTSCRAY

Marconi scraped home without Eddie Krncevic last week but the tall youngster will be back in action for Sunday's game.

This, in terms of goals, could be the deciding factor.

Marconi, without Henderson, tend to be somewhat erratic but at Bosley Park they still present a formidable opposition, specially with Jankovics back in form and Mariani at long last finding his nook in the side.

Footscray are one of the best ball-playing teams in Australia — but often lack character and cave in under pressure.

Our tip: Marconi 3-1.

SOUTH MELBOURNE v LEICHHARDT

Fairly easy winners last week, South Melbourne keep proving that they are a far — and happy — cry from last year's disaster team.

The youthful elan of Xanthopoulos and Davidson, the mobility of Campbell and the maturity of Buljevic have revitalised the entire team.

Leichhardt's problems are manifold and it will be interesting to see if coach Willie Wallace carries out his threat and drops some of his lethargic stars.

Newcomers Pirie and McKie should go a little better than last week though they will again rely on dubious support from behind.

Our tip: South Melbourne 2-1.

WEST ADELAIDE v BLACKTOWN CITY

Reeling under the hammering blows of their 0-7, Chaldi's private Passover Holocaust, West Adelaide cannot fail to notice the organic weaknesses in the team.

McGregor is likely to end his strange holiday at fullback, McGachey will be away suspended — and don't be surprised if Boyle is recalled in a great hurry to provide backbone to the team.

Blacktown, gradually sliding towards the ocean floor, have conceded 14 goals in their two away matches and this time they'll be at the receiving end of an aggrieved Westad's fury.

Our tip: West Adelaide 2-0.

BRISBANE LIONS v SYDNEY CITY

Although they are not quite roaring, the Lions are certainly plodding on well, picking up points here and there to stay in the middle of the table.

Last week's point-snatching in Adelaide was a great tonic for the Queenslanders where the Hermiston-Bennett duo has reached its old gold standard.

But will this be enough against the devastating Sydney City? The Slickers, if they only approach their scintillating display of last week, should tear the Lions apart, with cage and all.

Our tip: Sydney City 2-0.

ST.GEORGE v ADELAIDE CITY

Having conceded 10 goals in two matches, Raul Blanco will surely have to do something about his sieve-like defence which is plunging the team towards the bottom.

The young midfield will have many ups and downs until one more rugged, experienced man joins their ranks but the strikers, especially Duarte, are gradually getting into their stride.

Adelaide City just can't get going; their one goal per match average is hard to understand with the talent available to coach Rale Rasic.

The former Saints chief would love to impress at Barton Park with his team and may even succeed if Deans and Nyskohus begin to find the target.

Our tip: Adelaide City 2-1.

PAST RESULTS

	1977	1978	1979
Newcastle v Canberra	—	3-0	0-2
Heidelberg v Brisbane City	3-2	1-0	0-0
Sth.Melbourne v Leichhardt	—	—	1-2
West Adelaide v Blacktown	—	—	—
Brisbane Lions v Sydney City	0-4	1-1	1-2
Marconi v Footscray	1-0	1-2	0-0
St.George v Adelaide City	0-2	2-1	0-2

Pat Bannon (left) gave a brilliant performance in Sydney last week. One must doubt if there is a more polished and effective defender in Australian Soccer than Heidelberg's "Paddy."

PSL 1980

SCOREBOARD	Marconi	Heidelberg	Sydney City	Brisbane City	Adelaide City	Newcastle	W.Adelaide	Leichhardt	Brisb.Lions	Footscray	St.George	Canberra	S.Melbourne	Blacktown
Marconi	★			4-0										9-0
Heidelberg		★					4-2							5-1
Sydney City	2-1	1-1	★				7-0							
Brisbane City				★		1-2				1-1	0-1			
Adelaide City				0-0	★				0-0	4-1				
Newcastle			0-3			★		1-0						
W.Adelaide						1-1	★						1-0	
Leichhardt	2-2	0-5			2-1			★						
Brisb.Lions							2-1		★				1-2	
Footscray									3-1	★	5-3			
St.George								1-0			★	1-5		
Canberra	0-1				1-0				2-4			★		
S.Melbourne		0-0	1-2										★	
Blacktown						1-1					4-2		0-3	★

TOP SCORERS

COLE (Heidelberg)	7
KRNCEVIC (Marconi)	7
BARNES (Sydney City)	4
BODEN (Sydney City)	4
JANKOVICS (Marconi)	4
PATON (Heidelberg)	4
SHARNE (Marconi)	4
DUARTE (St.George)	3
SMITH (Sydney City)	3

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OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF THE PSL

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Newcastle U.	v	Canberra City	Int.Sports Centre 2.30

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Heidelberg	v	Brisbane City	Olympic Park 3.00
South Melb.	v	Leichhardt	Middle Park 3.00
West Adel.	v	Blacktown C.	Hindmarsh Stad. 2.30
Bris.Lions	v	Sydney City	Lions Stadium 3.00
Marconi	v	Footscray	Marconi Stadium 3.00
St.George	v	Adelaide City	St.George 3.00

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Canberra City	v	Heidelberg U.	Bruce Stadium 3.00
Brisbane City	v	South Melb.	Perry Park 3.00
Leichhardt	v	West Adel.	Lambert Park 3.00
Blacktown C.	v	Sydney City	Gabbie Stadium 3.00
Footscray	v	Newcastle U.	Western Oval 3.00
Adelaide City	v	Marconi	Olympic Sports 2.30
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SYDNEY CITY 7(3)
WEST ADELAIDE 0

Goals: 1-0 Stevenson (9m), 2-0 Barnes (29m), 3-0 Smith (35m), 4-0 Barnes (46m), 5-0 Barnes (56m), 6-0 Stevenson (70m), 7-0 Souness (83m).
SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 4, **Mullen 5, Spanos 5, O'Connor 5, Bruce 6, Barnes 6,** (Souness 79m), **Stevenson 5, Boden 6, Watson 5, Smith 5,** H. Silva 5 (M. Silva 79m). **Coach:** E. Thomson.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 3, McGregor 2 (Atsalas 90m), Topaz 2, Maricic 2, Bozanic 2, Carruthers 3, McKie 2, Manecas 2, Kosmina 3, Honeyman 2, McGachey 2. **Coach:** G. Chaldi.

Referee: P. Rampley (NSW); **crowd:** 3,124; **cautions:** Maricic, McGachey, Barnes, Kosmina; **sent off:** McGachey.

West Adelaide were made to look like ungainly schoolboys playing their first game together by the smooth Sydney City unit.

Westad just couldn't get into the match and you could count the number of accurate passes they struck on one hand.

City should have done much more damage to West Adelaide in the first period, but strangely went to sleep for 20 minutes between their first and second goals.

The first goal set the tone for the game, with McGregor running hopelessly out of position and allowing Silva to strike a glorious 40-metre crossfield pass to Stevenson who waltzed the ball past Crook.

Boden — showing stunning contempt of some crude tackles — lifted his side out of lethargy to create the second goal.

Seemingly imprisoned in the right corner of the field he pivotted through two defenders to give Barnes a classic scoring cross.

Boden repeated the dose for the third goal, and West Adelaide were a doomed team.

Barnes strode through midfield with awesome power and his second goal just after the restart was a stunner.

As if Westad didn't have enough troubles with the City strikers and midfielders, their defenders also joined in the attack.

Mullen and Bruce whipped along their respective flanks with ease to torture their Adelaide counterparts.

Bruce seemed to revel in the conditions and apart from setting up the sixth goal he also hit a glorious 35-metre shot onto the crossbar in the first period.

West Adelaide were a catastrophe from go to woe: only Kosmina and Carruthers could at least say they tried.

Kosmina ran his heart out, but to no avail, while Carruthers' efforts in midfield were wasted by sloppy teammates.

McGachey added to his team's woes by getting sent off after his second crude foul of the afternoon, highlighting the total frustration of the West Adelaide side.

— Paul James

2

LEICHHARDT 0
HEIDELBERG 5(3)

Goals: 0-1 Cole (17m), 0-2 Paton (35m), 0-3 Cole (45m), 0-4 Cole (59m), 0-5 Paton (79m).

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 3, Skellern 2, Wilson 2, Dempsey 3, Pullen 3, Bradley 3, McAusland 3, Stone 3, McKie 2, Pirie 2, O'Connor 3. **Coach:** W. Wallace.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 4, McMillan 4, **Yzendoorn 5, P. Bannon 6, Tansey 5, Selemidis 5,** Rooney 4, Campbell 4, **Cole 6,** Paton 4, Bozikas 4. **Coach:** Rooney/Bannon.
Referee: J. Reeves (Newcastle); **crowd:** 4,021; **caution:** Wilson.

Bill Pirie's second coming failed to provide quick redemption for Leichhardt, ruthlessly, methodically taken apart by a brilliant Heidelberg.

Heidelberg were quite astonishing. They demolished the hosts with clinical precision and professional sangfroid, giving one of the best displays seen in the PSL since its start.

The telling difference between the teams was fundamental: Leichhardt was running with the ball while Heidelberg was running off it, constantly creating space, always having two, even three unmarked men gliding into yawning gaps.

Their measured flicks and well timed throughballs contrasted sharply with Leichhardt's labored, stereotyped approach work; it was a matter of thoroughbreds against draft horses, ballerinas against lumberjacks.

All five Heidelberg goals had scheming and wilful premeditation about them.

First that dynamic midfielder Jim Campbell broke through in the middle, laid on the ball to Cole and the speedy giant skirted Woodhouse for 1-0.

Then it was Paton who did almost the same, from the same angle, after a shrewdly taken freekick.

The third, just on halftime, was a classic. An explosive one-two on the left between Tansey and Rooney ended with a perfect Tansey cross and Cole, literally soaring through the air, crashed a great header just under the crossbar, almost taking Woodhouse with it.

Leichhardt reshuffled after the interval, with the aggressive Dempsey moving into the attack but Heidelberg remained undaunted.

They froze the ball whenever it suited them only to spring into sudden and always near lethal counterpunches.

One of these, in the 59th minute, brought up the fourth goal: Campbell and Rooney paved the way for Cole who shook off Wilson before riffling home a low shot.

The fifth goal was just a bonus: Cole sped off on the left, flicked a pass to Bozikas whose square pass found an unmarked Paton; a fierce low shot and Woodhouse was yet again beaten, mercifully for the last time on this Eastern Sunday.

— Andrew Dettre

3

FOOTSCRAY 5(2)
ST.GEORGE 3(0)

Goals: 1-0 Jovanovic (12m), 2-0 Lujic (26m), 2-1 Kay (46m), 3-1 Kondarios (50m), 3-2 Duarte (66m), 4-2 Vasic (76m), 4-3 Duarte (78m), 5-3 Ollerton (86m).

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 3, Hazabent 4, O'Reilly 3, Kondarios 4, Petrou 3, Jovanovic 4, Illioski 3 (Belic 84m), Picioane 3, Ollerton 4, Simic 3, (Vasic 68m), **Lujic 5.** **Coach:** R. Ille.

ST.GEORGE: Smith 3, Groome 4, McIntosh 4, Utjesenovic 3, Terry 3, Kay 4, Katholas 4, Davies 3, (Hadley 46m) Duarte 4, Beggs 3, Griffith (Cotton 31m, 3). **Coach:** R. Blanco.
Referee: E. Benios (Vic); **crowd:** 3,450; **cautions:** Beggs, Kay.

Footscray coach Rocco Ille pulled off a master stroke when he brought on Dragan Vasic for Simic midway through the second half.

Vasic was the chief culprit of three glaring misses the previous week against Adelaide City, but was a different man in this match.

Right from the time he went on he got involved in the match and proved his value.

With the score finely balanced at 3-2 to Footscray, Vasic hammered home his side's fourth goal within eight minutes of going on, capitalizing on a poor clearance.

St. George's winger Dennis Duarte reduced the arrears two minutes later, bobbing up on the left hand side to connect with Doug Utjesenovic's freekick.

But again Vasic rose to the occasion and set up the fifth goal scored by Peter Ollerton.

Within half an hour of the start Footscray were 2-0 up and were running the St.George youngsters ragged.

Jovanovic hit a tremendous 25-metre lob for the first goal, and Lujic — who was the man of the match — scored the second when he accepted a Picioane pass to round a defender and score.

Raul Blanco took desperate action after the second goal and sent on Roy Cotton in place of Billy Griffiths, while at half time he took off midfielder John Davies and sent on Howard Hadley.

Hadley took up a defensive role, allowing Groome to move to midfield.

Kay — a nonstop worker for the Saints — made it 2-1 just after the break when he homed in on Beggs pass to give Boland no chance, but Kondarios restored the two-goal lead when he sent a crashing header homewards.

Footscray then missed two glaring chances before Duarte scored a spectacular diving header from an Utjesenovic cross.

Unfortunately for Saints, Vasic then made his appearance and the game slipped out of their reach for good.

— Peter Desira

4

ADELAIDE CITY 0
BRISBANE LIONS 0

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 5, Russell 3, Jones 3, Melta 4, B. Nyskohus 4, Perin (Besir 29m, 3), **Muniz 5,** Smythe 3 (Northcote 73m), Deans 4, J. Nyskohus 4, Marocchi 4. **Coach:** R. Rasic.

BRISBANE LIONS: Scanlan 5, Ontong 4, Niven 3, Lindsay 3, **Bennett 5, Hermiston 5,** Hogg 4, Hughes 3 (Reid 53m), McNaughton 4 (Wilson 88m), Millman 4, Verwij 3. **Coach:** M. Carson.

Referee: B. Kerr (SA); **crowd:** 4,214.

Adelaide City's midfield trio of Marocchi, Melta and Muniz have seldom played better, yet City could not grab both points from the dour Lions team.

Melta and Marocchi emphasized City's domination when they both rattled the woodwork with sizzling drives.

Apart from the woodwork, Lions were saved by goalkeeper Tony Scanlan who tipped over a powerful Deans header, then stopped a classic Marocchi volley.

The second period, however, saw something of a minor transformation when Lions took a lead from their dominant defensive pair of Hermiston and Bennett to snap back into the game.

Rasic was forced to replace John Perin after only half an hour because of a hamstring injury.

His departure was a big blow, as his penetrating runs from defence added weight to midfield.

Smythe caused some problems for Ontong with weaving runs, but he was then replaced by Northcote.

Northcote, who inspired City to victory over Footscray, threatened to do so again, but neither he nor his teammates could penetrate the stubborn Lions defence.

Eventually Northcote ended the match hobbling because of a spinal injury which has plagued him since the start of the year.

With the match dying out Muniz seemed set to give his side a last gasp win, but when only inches from the penalty area he was upended by Ontong and the resultant freekick posed little danger.

The Adelaide City attack still doesn't click somehow; the old rhythm is missing, the dash and daring are absent.

Perhaps they are trying too hard to please their own finicky fans, maybe they're just waiting for someone to open the floodgates.

Lions, despite their second half revival, were careful throughout, clearly aiming for one precious away point.

Their attack is also pretty harmless though some of their quick counter-attacks could have got them a shock result.

— Alan Crisp

5

BLACKTOWN 0
STH.MELBOURNE 3(1)

Goals: 0-1 Rogers (13m), 0-2 Buljevic (58m), 0-3 Campbell (60m).

BLACKTOWN: Freeman 4, Harris 4, **Stowell 5, Don Campbell 5,** Turnbull 4, Ortega 2, Amey 2, Harding 4, Fisher 4, Wilkinson 2 (Pollard 62m), Hunter 4. **Coach:** M. Jones.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 4, **V. Bannon 5,** Xantopoulos 3, **Christopoulos 5, Blair 5, Davidson 5,** (Cummings 46m), **Rogers 5,** Lutton 4, George Campbell 4, Buljevic 4, Evans 4. **Coach:** J. Margaritis.

Referee: H. Witschge; **crowd:** 2,000.

South Melbourne won mainly because they were more energetic and skilful as a team.

From the first few minutes it was obvious that Souths were better able to find creative positions and exploit them.

Blacktown seemed lethargic, and many players didn't seem interested in putting in the effort required to counter Souths' attacks, or to set up their own moves.

The Blacktown back line was under almost constant pressure but played steadily and with composure.

They were caught napping in the 13th minute, however, when Billy Rogers ran through onto a far post cross from Vince Bannon to head home unchallenged.

Souths continued to pressure Blacktown, but also applied sensible tactics of retaining possession until an opening presented itself.

After halftime Blacktown appeared to come more into the match, but suffered a five-minute lapse of concentration which proved to be fatal.

First Buljevic ran onto a Cummings pass to coolly slice the ball home, and then two minutes later Campbell scored an aggressive goal, beating three men before thumping a 20 metre shot home.

Blacktown improved when Pollard came on, but by then the match was too far out of their grasp for him to have any affect on the result.

In the Blacktown midfield Amey and Ortega not only played poorly but also at the wrong speed, out of tune.

This midfield weakness will cause many more headaches to coach Mick Jones and create undue pressures for the defence.

South Melbourne are definitely a different proposition from last year's apathetic crew.

Their defence is now well organised while in attack they can pick up some sudden goals.

Davidson seems to justify Rudi Gutendorf's confidence in him with every game he plays and soon he should be in the running for a berth in the Socceroo squad.

— Stephen Blatchford

6

BRISBANE CITY 1(1)
NEWCASTLE 2(0)

Goals: 1-0 Kelso (16m), 1-1 Senkalski (80m), 1-2 Kamasz (83m).

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 3, Perry 4, Ratcliffe 4, Potter 4, Wilkinson 3, Palinkas 3, Ramsay 3, Coyne 3, Low 3, Kelso 4, Brusasco 3, (Caldwell 75m). **Coach:** N. Saftich.

NEWCASTLE: Preston 4, Reaney 3, Drinkwater 3, Bertogna 3, Cowburn 3, Mason 3, Senkalski 2, Tredinnick 3 (Sneddon 79m), Kamasz 3, Trenter 3 (Burrows 52m), Jones 2. **Coach:** A. Vest.

Referee: Tim Davies (NSW); **crowd:** 2,025; **caution:** Trenter.

The result of this match could easily be described as the biggest act of bushranging since the days of Ned Kelly.

For an hour a revitalised, fiery Brisbane City hurled themselves at Newcastle's defence and found a lot of gaps.

But at the end of an hour they had only one goal — the result of a mix-up between Preston and Bertogna which allowed Kelso to toe the ball over the line.

Every City midfielder and forward worked hard and the whole side functioned smoothly.

Their finishing, however, was atrocious, the main offender being Joe Palinkas who otherwise was having one of his best games for City.

Brisbane, with Perry in his rightful place, turned every United attack to their own advantage and pushed forward like a tide.

Wishart had hardly anything to do for the first hour.

Then suddenly the game looked over — or so we thought.

Low was fouled in the box and Ratcliffe lined up to take the kick.

But Preston made a great double save from the effort.

City then began to show signs of exasperation and with Perry, Ratcliffe and Potter pushing forward the fast break was definitely on for United.

It eventually came. Kamasz suddenly darted down the right wing and hit a beautiful ball across the goal.

Senkalski — standing like an outcast from society — gratefully accepted the perfect cross and nodded the ball over the advancing Wishart.

It was probably Senkalski's only noteworthy act of the entire game.

Three minutes later Drinkwater hit a high ball into the box and Wishart seemed to have the ball.

But he fumbled it, and Kamasz made no mistake, hammering the ball high into the roof of the net.

Newcastle's officials, players and fans went crazy.

They had just proven two of soccer's oldest adages: the game lasts 90 minutes and if you don't score you don't deserve to win.

— Jim Binnie

7

CANBERRA CITY 0
MARCONI 1(0)

Goal: 0-1 Mariani (56m).

CANBERRA CITY: Wilson 4, Moulis 4, Milovanovic 3, Stark 3, R. O'Shea 3, Williams 4, J. O'Shea 3 (Byrne 72m), Brennan 2 (McLaren 57m), Cole 3, Giampaolo 4, Valeri 4. **Coach:** V. Fernandez.

MARCONI: Maher 4, Brogan 3, Degney 3, Russell 4, Prskalo 3, Byrne 3, Vieri 3, Raskopoulos 4 (Selvage 69m), **Jankovics 5,** Mariani 4, Sharne 4. **Coach:** L. Scheinflug.

Referee: S. Mellings; **crowd:** 8,875; **cautions:** Moulis, Milovanovic, Selvage, G. Byrne.

A skilful, snap bicycle kick goal by Bertie Mariani in the 56th minute enabled Marconi to take home maximum points.

The match lacked exciting saves and shots and was more a battle in midfield between two evenly matched sides.

On the day Marconi used their available players to greater effect.

Though lacking Tony Henderson and Eddie Krncevic, they played watertight football of a worthy championship team.

Their forward line of Jankovics, Sharne and Mariani was a constant threat to Canberra and Jankovics in particular was a perpetual danger.

Clear cut scoring chances were not numerous, though they did occasionally pop up.

In the 16th minute Giampaolo, perhaps still hampered by injury, made a dazzling run from midfield and was eventually felled.

But when Valeri's freekick rebounded from Maher, Brennan failed to slot home the ball.

Fifteen minutes later Peter Sharne had a point blank shot saved expertly by Richard Wilson.

The first half was characterised by fierce tackling and patient build ups.

After 10 minutes of the second half the deadlock was broken.

Sharne broke clear on the left, fed the ball to Jankovics who headed to Mariani.

Mariani, who had his back to the goal, executed a fine overhead kick and sent the ball crashing past an incredulous Wilson. It was a fine, if somewhat freakish goal.

From then on Marconi's resolute defence was even more vigilant and Canberra's chances dimished.

Fernandez replaced the out-of-touch Brennan with McLaren and Robert O'Shea with Terry Byrne to get the midfield working more efficiently.

McLaren looked sharp and almost gained an equaliser one minute from time, but delayed his shot and was robbed at the vital moment.

The match was combatitive from the start and two players from each side received yellow cards.

Canberra's best players were Williams, Valeri and Giampaolo.

— Peter Kunz

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE '80

match post-mortem

Dissection by Andrew Dettre

You can take this Cole to any castle

He is tall, strong, skilled and, in full flight, a totally menacing sight, the epitome of the traditional "English centre forward." Heidelberg's Gary Cole, a steady member of the Socceroo squad, is one of the deadliest strikers in Australian soccer. Belying his height and powerful frame, he is superbly agile with fine acceleration. Last Sunday he scored an impressive hat-trick against Leichhardt, before we spoke to him.

Gary Cole on the warpath.

SW: Would you say this was Heidelberg's best performance of the season?

GC: Oh yes, easily. Five good goals, a clean sheet, what else do we want? We knocked the ball around well at the back, the idea was to keep possession as much as possible.

SW: Heidelberg started off with absolute confidence. Did you expect to win the points against Leichhardt?

GC: You've got to be confident. You have a point to start with before the match and you build on that. But we are a confident team. We have seven players in the State side which had some great results against touring teams.

SW: What do you think of the idea of having two coaches, both active players?

GC: Eight points in five games speaks for itself, I don't think it needs more justification. They're following on where Len McKendry leaves off for Victoria and we click well. I really believe we are one of the best footballing teams in the country.

SW: You scored a great hat-trick today yet in the national team you often play in midfield. Are you still in the squad?

GC: Yes, I've just received the call-up to go to camp on April 24 in preparation for the England game.

SW: And if you have to play in midfield?

GC: Gutendorf has his own ideas. He is happy with Eddie Krncevic and I can understand that. Of course, I'd prefer to play as a striker, I think Krncevic and I would blend well. But I'll play in goal if necessary for Australia.

SW: But you feel happier up front?

GC: Yes happier — but I'm delighted to play in midfield, too, if Gutendorf thinks I can do the job there. I certainly give nothing but my best.

SW: How do you blend with Jamie Paton in the Heidelberg team?

GC: There is a keen rivalry between us, even at training. But nobody is more pleased than I when he scores and I think he feels the same way when I get a goal. We regard ourselves as the best striking pair in the country and we enjoy playing together.

SW: What about the team spirit in Heidelberg?

GC: It's very good, we all get on well. Obviously, success breeds a happy atmosphere. When youre riding on the crest of a wave, as at the moment, there aren't too many problems.

SW: How old are you now?

GC: Just on 24.

SW: Where do you work?

GC: I'm a primary school teacher in Melbourne, at Boronia Park.

SW: Where were you born?

GC: In England. I left with my parents when I was 15. I played a bit of soccer there, mainly junior stuff. But it was in Melbourne that I began seriously. First I played in fourth division Metropolitan League then I joined Ringwood City and then Fitzroy a year before the Philips League started.

SW: Which coach influenced you most?

GC: I wasn't really coached very formally until last year when Len McKendry, in the Victorian State team, taught me a lot and made me think what the game is really all about. In Heidelberg I owe a lot to experienced players like Pat Bannon and Jimmy Rooney. Coaching generally is much better now than when I was a junior.

SW: What about the often heard charge that Heidelberg has too many 'old men' in the team?

GC: Today's game showed it up. At the end we were still full of running and Leichhardt was walking. Jimmy Rooney isn't a bad player, a couple of years of experience and he'll be okay when he matures...

SW: How do Bannon and Rooney split up the coaching duties between them?

GC: It varies. Rooney does a lot of the actual coaching sessions and Bannon takes the physical type of work. It works well. We can break up into smaller groups, work on individual facets of the game.

SW: Heidelberg's chances for the title?

GC: I think we'll do very well. There won't be much between us and Sydney City and I suppose Marconi will be there too, with those amazing strikers. I think it's us or Sydney City. Probably us...

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THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS...

Bob Provan, the tall central defender of Heidelberg, will resume soon after a cartilage operation while their useful midfielder Ken Taylor is due back in Melbourne from Britain this week.

★ ★ ★

Heidelberg co-coach Pat Bannon: "I think we played very well, and enjoyed it enormously. The team is now knocking the ball about confidently."

★ ★ ★

Nick Papallo, Leichhardt president: "At least we've reached rockbottom; it can't get worse."

★ ★ ★

Willie Wallace, Leichhardt coach: "This is it: there will be some changes. I don't give a damn any more about names and Socceroo caps. They had more than enough chances and they let the team down again."

★ ★ ★

Bill Pirie, newly arrived Leichhardt striker: "I guess it'll take me four weeks to fit into the team."

★ ★ ★

Leichhardt PR man Tony Raciti: "All great teams lose sometimes. Alas, we aren't even a great team yet..."

★ ★ ★

West Adelaide coach Gerry Chaldi: "This was the unhappiest day of my life since coming back to Australia some four years ago. I'm shattered."

★ ★ ★

St.George coach Raul Blanco: "Our defence gave away some frightfully stupid goals, some driven home from miles. Perhaps we could have got a draw with some luck."

★ ★ ★

Peter Ollerton of Footscray: "It was impossible to run over the two cricket pitches in the middle of the field, but otherwise the playing surface was excellent at Western Oval."

★ ★ ★

Rocco Ille of Footscray: "My motto is to score more goals than the opposition. It is goals that bring the crowds, not great defensive records."

★ ★ ★

Rocco Ille on St.George: "They are a very young side and they surprised us a little by fighting so hard to the end. With a few more experienced heads in the team they will improve."

★ ★ ★

Alan Vest, Newcastle coach: "Naturally, I'm very happy with two points. But we played some terrible stuff and that is now my main concern. If Brisbane City had been a better side we would have been annihilated. We only won because they allowed us back into the match."

★ ★ ★

Nereo Saltich, Brisbane City coach: "We came off with our heads held high — and nothing else. We should have scored more goals but didn't. When you are down, little goes right for you. It's a lesson we should have learned long ago."

★ ★ ★

Eddie Thomson, Sydney City coach: "We played magnificently. That's how soccer should be played. I expected a good win, but nothing of this calibre."

★ ★ ★

Hilton Silva, Sydney City: "It was marvellous to play on such a beautiful pitch. The Sportsground was level, but too hard. This pitch gives you confidence to stop, turn, and to look up without worrying about the ball bouncing away from your foot."

★ ★ ★

Les Scheinflug, Marconi: "The game was very close. Jankovics had a blinder. I was not very impressed with the referee though. I thought Canberra's Giampaolo and Valeri played well. In my opinion Canberra lacks a playmaker to direct traffic from behind."

★ ★ ★

Mr. Juicy's managing director Mr. Cahill (right) with Leichhardt star Jim Dempsey and president Nick Papallo at function where the company's sponsorship was announced.

NSW TABLES

STATE LEAGUE

GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melita	3	1	—	8	2	7
Olympic	3	1	—	8	4	7
Arncliffe	2	2	—	13	5	6
Sutherland	1	3	—	4	2	5
Auburn	2	1	1	6	6	5
Croatia	1	2	1	5	4	4
Bankstown	2	—	2	8	8	4
Avala	1	1	2	3	4	3
Canterbury	1	1	2	5	7	3
Nth.Sydney	1	1	2	4	7	3
Parramatta	1	1	2	6	10	3
Manly	—	2	2	4	6	2
Monaro	—	2	2	1	5	2
Ku-ring-gai	—	2	2	4	9	2

GRADE 2

Canterbury	4	—	—	9	3	8
Croatia	3	1	—	7	3	7
Auburn	3	—	1	4	2	6
Avala	2	1	1	8	5	5
Ku-ring-gai	2	1	1	6	3	5
Manly	2	—	2	3	3	4
Olympic	1	1	2	5	4	3
Melita	1	1	2	9	9	3
Arncliffe	1	1	2	4	5	3
Nth.Sydney	1	1	2	3	4	3
Sutherland	—	3	1	3	5	3
Monaro	1	—	3	5	9	2
Bankstown	1	—	3	4	13	2
Parramatta	—	—	4	1	8	—

GRADE 3

Auburn	4	—	—	13	—	8
Ku-ring-gai	3	1	—	12	4	7
Sutherland	3	—	—	5	—	6
Olympic	2	1	1	7	3	5
Bankstown	1	2	1	4	4	4
Canterbury	1	2	1	4	4	4
Manly	1	1	1	3	3	3
Nth.Sydney	1	1	2	4	5	3
Arncliffe	—	3	1	2	5	3
Melita	—	2	2	3	5	2
Parramatta	—	2	2	1	10	2
Avala	—	1	3	3	10	1
Croatia	—	1	2	2	10	1

DIVISION 1

GRADE 1

Blacktown City	3	2	—	9	2	8
Bathurst	3	2	—	8	3	8
Sydney City	3	1	1	18	5	7
Leichhardt	2	2	—	13	4	6
Polonia	2	1	2	17	11	5
Wollongong	2	1	—	5	2	5
Marconi	2	1	1	5	6	5
Revesby	1	3	1	7	10	5
Uni NSW	2	—	2	7	8	4
Penrith	2	—	2	6	14	4
St.George	1	1	1	3	2	3
Blacktown Utd.	1	—	3	4	7	2
Belmore	—	1	2	2	9	1
Yugal	—	1	4	4	16	1
Warringah	—	—	5	1	15	—

GRADE 2

Sydney City	4	1	—	15	3	9
St.George	3	1	—	17	2	7
Blacktown City	3	1	1	13	9	7
Leichhardt	2	2	—	10	4	6
Uni NSW	3	—	2	5	7	6
Penrith	2	1	1	6	4	5
Blacktown Utd.	2	1	1	4	2	5
Wollongong	2	—	1	8	3	4
Revesby	1	2	2	7	6	4
Polonia	1	2	2	6	12	4
Warringah	2	—	3	3	11	4
Bathurst	1	1	3	4	8	3
Marconi	1	—	3	5	7	2
Belmore	—	—	3	2	10	—
Yugal	—	—	5	3	18	—

GRADE 3

Sydney City	4	1	—	19	6	9
Blacktown City	4	—	1	15	5	8
St.George	3	—	1	22	1	6
Marconi	3	—	1	11	4	6
Leichhardt	2	2	—	8	1	6
Polonia	2	1	2	9	7	5
Uni NSW	2	1	2	7	21	5
Revesby	1	2	2	12	11	4
Blacktown Utd.	2	—	2	7	9	4
Penrith	1	1	2	6	7	3
Belmore	1	1	1	2	4	3
Wollongong	1	—	1	2	3	2
Warringah	1	—	3	2	9	2
Yugal	—	1	4	5	25	1
Bathurst	—	—	5	2	14	—

DIVISION 2

GRADE 1

Guildford	1	—	—	4	—	2
Gl.Hornsby	1	—	—	3	1	2
Campbelltown	1	—	—	1	—	2
Queens Park	1	—	—	1	—	2
Yagoona	1	—	—	1	—	2
Glad.Ravens	—	1	—	1	1	1
Nth.Bankstown	—	1	—	1	1	1
Lane Cove	—	—	1	—	1	—
Lethbridge	—	—	1	—	1	—
Marrickville	—	—	1	—	1	—
Baulkham Hills	—	—	1	1	3	—
Dee Why	—	—	1	—	4	—

GRADE 2

Lethbridge	1	—	—	4	1	2
Campbelltown	1	—	—	2	—	2
Glad.Ravens	1	—	—	2	—	2
Queens Park	1	—	—	1	—	2
Baulkham Hills	—	1	—	1	1	1
Dee Why	—	1	—	2	2	1
Glad.Hornsby	—	1	—	1	1	1
Guildford	—	1	—	2	2	1
Marrickville	—	—	1	—	1	—
Lane Cove	—	—	1	—	2	—
Nth.Bankstown	—	—	1	—	2	—
Yagoona	—	—	1	1	4	—

GRADE 3

Nth.Bankstown	1	—	—	5	1	2
Campbelltown	1	—	—	4	1	2
Marrickville	1	—	—	4	1	2
Glad.Hornsby	1	—	—	3	1	2
Guildford	1	—	—	2	1	2
Yagoona	1	—	—	1	—	2
Dee Why	—	—	1	1	2	—
Lethbridge	—	—	1	—	1	—
Baulkham Hills	—	—	1	1	3	—
Lane Cove	—	—	1	1	4	—
Queens Park	—	—	1	1	4	—
Glad.Ravens	—	—	1	1	5	—

DIVISION 3

GRADE 1

Hurstville	1	—	—	4	1	2
Bondi	1	—	—	3	—	2
Bonnyrigg	1	—	—	3	—	2
Liverp.Albions	1	—	—	2	1	2
Artarmon	—	1	—	—	—	1
Nth. Ryde	—	1	—	1	1	1
Riverstone	—	1	—	1	1	1
Syd. Uni.	—	1	—	—	—	1
W.Ryde	—	—	1	1	2	—
Port Hacking	—	—	1	1	4	—
Kingsford	—	—	1	—	3	—
Wenty	—	—	1	—	3	—

GRADE 2

Liverp.Albions	1	—	—	8	—	2
Port Hacking	1	—	—	5	1	2
Artarmon	1	—	—	5	2	2
Nth.Ryde	1	—	—	3	1	2
Kingsford	1	—	—	2	1	2
Bondi	—	1	—	2	2	1
Wenty	—	1	—	2	2	1
Bonnyrigg	—	—	1	1	2	—
Sydney Uni.	—	—	1	2	5	—
Riverstone	—	—	1	1	3	—
Hurstville	—	—	1	1	5	—
W.Ryde	—	—	1	—	8	—

DIVISION 4

GRADE 1

Eastwood	1	—	—	4	—	2
Ryde Dist.	1	—	—	4	—	2
Paddington	1	—	—	4	2	2
West Holroyd	1	—	—	3	1	2
East Creek	1	—	—	2	1	2
Canley Hts.	—	—	1	1	2	—
Maroubra	—	—	1	2	4	—
Padstow	—	—	1	1	3	—
Chelsea	—	—	1	—	4	—
Rev.Rovers	—	—	1	—	4	—

GRADE 2

Eastwood	1	—	—	4	1	2
Ryde District	1	—	—	4	2	2
Padstow	1	—	—	2	1	2
East Creek	1	—	—	1	—	2
Paddington	1	—	—	1	—	2
West Holroyd	—	—	1	1	2	—
Canley Hts.	—	—	1	—	1	—
Maroubra	—	—	1	—	1	—
Chelsea	—	—	1	2	4	—
Rev.Rovers	—	—	1	1	4	—

DIVISION 5

GRADE 1

Fairfield West	1	—	—	4	—	2
Haberfield	1	—	—	2	1	2
Camden	1	—	—	1	—	2
Concordia	—	1	—	2	2	1
Edensor	—	1	—	1	1	1
Nth.Rocks	—	1	—	2	2	1
Pagewood	—	1	—	—	—	1
West St.Geo.	—	1	—	—	—	1
Winston Hills	—	1	—	1	1	1
Maccabi	—	—	1	1	2	—
Macq.Uni.	—	—	1	—	1	—
Auburn Jun.	—	—	1	—	4	—

GRADE 2

Winston Hills	1	—	—	8	1	2
Nth.Rocks	1	—	—	5	—	2
Fairfield W.	1	—	—	5	1	2
West St.Geo.	1	—	—	5	1	2
Maccabi	1	—	—	2	1	2
Camden	—	1	—	1	1	1
Macq.Uni.	—	1	—	1	1	1
Haberfield	—	—	1	1	2	—
Auburn Jun.	—	—	1	1	5	—
Pagewood	—	—	1	1	5	—
Concordia	—	—	1	—	5	—
Edensor	—	—	1	1	8	—

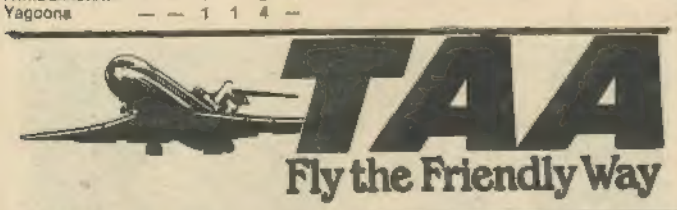
DIVISION 6

GRADE 1

Chullora	1	—	—	9	1	2
Hawkesbury	1	—	—	5	—	2
Glenquarie	1	—	—	5	2	2
Liverp.City	1	—	—	2	1	2
Moorebank	1	—	—	1	—	2
Bankstown Sp.	—	1	—	1	1	1
Liverp.Rangers	—	1	—	1	1	1
Green Valley	—	—	1	1	2	—
Liverp. Utd.	—	—	1	—	1	—
Blackt.Wands.	—	—	1	2	5	—
Mt.Pritchard	—	—	1	—	5	—
South Sydney	—	—	1	1	9	—

GRADE 2

Hawkesbury	1	1	—	9	—	2
Glenquarie	1	—	—	6	1	2
Moorebank	1	—	—	4	—	2
Chullora	1	—	—	4	1	2
Liverp.City	1	—	—	3	1	2
Bankstown Sp.	1	—	—	1	—	2
Liverp.Rangers	—	—	1	—	1	—
Green Valley	—	—	1	1	3	—
Sth.Sydney	—	—	1	1	4	—
Liverp.Utd.	—	—	1	—	4	—
Blackt.Wands.	—	—	1	1	6	—
Mt.Pritchard	—	—	1	—	9	—



LETTER TO EDITOR

I would like to reply to the letter by Tony Raciti you published last week.

My remarks about Lambert Park were certainly not motivated by jealousy; neither I nor my club have anything to be jealous about.

I didn't call Lambert Park "disgraceful". All I said was that it was far too small to suit our team if they wanted to play as champions.

I accept the fact that Lambert Park conforms to FIFA regulations — but it's probably close to the minimum requirements.

The relations between Marconi and APIA are indeed cordial and it is not my wish to ruin them.

Frank Labbozzetta
Director, Marconi Club

Sacha goal spree makes coach smile

DIVISION ONE

One of the all-time greats of Australian soccer, Stan Ackerley, had to make an unexpected comeback for Penrith last Saturday — yet his team, Penrith, went down 1-9 to Sydney City.

Ackerley, coach of Penrith, was forced to strip as his team had an amazing 11 injured players.

Up to halftime, Penrith was holding Sydney City well to 1-2 — but then the avalanche started.

Sacha Milidinski, 18, a gentle giant standing over six feet two inches, grabbed six goals for himself.

Rapidly coming into calculations as a PSL team possibility, Milidinski still has to improve his heading before the Slickers may invite him to the first team squad.

Dennis Hoggart's very young team — Chris Spanos is only 15 and the average is about 18 — had it all their way in the second half.

Tom Crone got a hat-trick for Blacktown United against Warringah, after United were 0-1 down soon after the start, from a penalty converted by de Valle raising the hopes of the hosts for a season's first win.

Polonia were surprisingly beaten, after goalie Andy Greenfield had been sent off for a foul, at 0-1.

In the Blacktown team Neil Manning, Peter Cuk and Edoardo Pena all played well but the star was Tony Rasmussen, 19, looming as a definite PSL team prospect.

Up in Bathurst Wollongong — "Mike's Macedonians" — had to fight for the points.

Ray Vliestra, only 15, scored with a header and Jirsa got the other one from a penalty — but he also missed two other spot-kicks.

In a fairly tame match the surprisingly agitated referee sent off the Bathurst goalie for alleged swearing and had about 12 others booked.

Some of the students of the Uni. of NSW team scrambled to the ground just in time to make up a team: several had played a few hours earlier in the Combined Universities carnival.

But the strain didn't seem to show as they still beat Yugal 5-1 with Paul Benecke scoring two goals, then having his Australian Universities blazer stolen from the dressing room...

Earlier, at 1-1, Ian Harris was sent off the field — yet even with 10 men, many of them near exhaustion, the students scored a win, though Yugal pratically gave away the first three goals.

Saturday —

PENRITH UNITED v SYDNEY CITY 1-9

Penrith: Krstic, Rhodes, Gaskin, Dunn, Ackerley, G. Thoms, Lewis, Demattia, Pollard, K. Thoms, Hamill. **Coach:** S. Ackerley.

Sydney City: Berry, Woods (Svynos), Rogers, Gomez, Sorge, Lee, C. Spanos, Patikas, Henry, Milidinski, Dickinson. **Coach:** D. Hoggart.

Goals: Hamill; Milidinski (6), Henry, Dickinson, Lee.

YUGAL v UNI.NSW 1-5

Yugal: Kostidis, Novakovic (Delaney), Peper, Koldarevic, Clarke, M. Alagich, Nanarella, Milic, O'Brien, Rodas, Tanoski. **Coach:** I. Takac.

Uni. NSW: Galen, Dwyer, Harris, Wren, V. Popovich, Keluwin, Kelly, Kay, Benecke, Sackett, Dowed. **Coach:** R. Harbour.

Goals: Tanoski; Benecke (2), Keluwin, Sackett and own goal.

WARRINGAH v BLACKTOWN UNITED 1-4

Warringah: Poulton, Duncan, Carpenter, Potts, Van der Saag, Griffith, Macleod, Morris, Fidra, Earl. Euers (Gordon). **Coach:** P. Clancy.

Blacktown United: Renkovetski, Young, Eldridge, Hanisch, Foster, Burtenshaw, Crone, Clarke, de Vale, Svarc, Milakovic (G.Foster). **Coach:** D. Zeman.

Goals: Morris (pen.); Crone (3), de Valle.

POLONIA v BLACKTOWN CITY 0-3

Polonia: Greenfield (Boniczki, O'Donovan, Tapai, Carruthers, Wisniewski, R. Budini, Bates, Sookee, Lemanczyk, A. Budini, McRorie. **Coach:** S. Wozniczka.

Blacktown City: Harris, Rasmussen, Cuk, Pena, Cuff, Manning, Finch, Taylor, Landon (Boyce), Pearson, Pollard. **Goals:** Landon, Pollard, Taylor.

BATHURST v WOLLONGONG 1-2

Bathurst: Coles, Hadley, Barlow, Waine, Tait, Pickup, Judge, Turner, Lamberton, Dwyer, Woodruff.

Wollongong: T. Terziovski, Montecchi, Talevski, Vliestra, Traikovski (Skeen), Sattin, Petkovski (Giraldi), Bingham, Dafkovski, M. Terziovski, Jirsa. **Coach:** M. Johnson.

Goals: Dwyer; Jirsa (pen.), Vliestra.

MARCONI v BELMORE 2-1

Marconi: Delamont, Swain, Calderan, Masonwells, Morson, Tomasich, Stark, Lindsay, Scheinflug, Colusso, Kelly. **Coach:** L. Nesti.

Belmore: Hawthorne, Martin, Vergos, Jones, Lambert, Franks, Dipaola (Poletto), de Mestre, Reynolds, Roberts, Allen (Billinghurst). **Coach:** O. Klaus.

Goals: Scheinflug (2); Billinghurst.

REVESBY v LEICHHARDT 2-2

Revesby: Pearsall, Larkings, Hargreaves, McDonagh, Pitman, Morrow, Butler, Gill(Prior), Mackin, McGovern, Mitford. **Coach:** L. Dobin.

Leichhardt: Radojevic, Ceccon, Brown, Gray, Casacchia, Watt, Galtatzis, De Ceglie, (Baldini), Savidis, Triantafyllou (Ius), Davanzo. **Coach:** C. Van Blerk.

Goals: Pitman (2); Savidis, De Ceglie.

STATEMENTS "IRRESPONSIBLE"

This is the text of a communique issued last week by Philips League manager John Frank:

The executive of the Philips Soccer League has taken strong measures to clarify its stance on what it calls irresponsible media statements by some of its club presidents.

A PSL management committee meeting yesterday assured Australian Soccer Federation president Sir Arthur George that it disassociates itself and most of its member clubs from statements made last week by a number of club presidents.

Articles quoting various club presidents appeared in Sydney newspapers last week.

The statements stemmed from a meeting of the five Sydney PSL clubs and Canberra City president Charles Perkins.

A general statement from yesterday's management committee meeting read:

"It has long been recognised by all member clubs of the League that there is a need for closer liaison with the ASF, and a need for the PSL clubs to have a responsible say in matters pertaining to Philips League football."

The management committee has assured Sir Arthur that since its election on December 9, 1979, it has pursued negotiations on the important issues facing the league, including marketing, strengthening of the league and club administration and the relationship with the ASF.

FROM THE PRESS BOX

"NO" TO ROSSI...

Italian players simply don't transplant — that's the view of Leichhardt — APIA president Nick Papallo.

"If Paolo Rossi begged me to bring him out to Australia I'd say no to him," he says.

Nick has had bitter experience first with Rosario Rampanti, then with the four young Romans his club had brought out here: now they're all back in Italy.

"It's the tough Australian soccer which frightens them away," he says. "They don't want to be hacked to pieces.

"Also, somehow they cannot get used to our soccer atmosphere.

"We mothered those four boys from Rome beyond belief, yet they were miserable and homesick, so we had to let them go.

"Now we don't even contemplate any more such experiments."

Fine. But if Paolo Rossi really did beg to come...?

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FIFA HONOR

If Australia does get a FIFA vice presidency — and Sir Arthur George looks like being elected soon — a 14-year-old dream comes true.

At the 1966 FIFA Congress in London, Jim Bayutti, later Sir William Walkley, New Zealand's Charlie Dempsey and again a few years ago Sir Arthur made bids for this honor, all in vain.

Some people would say that the VP position is little more than an ego-trip for the ASF president.

We disagree. Australia — or Oceania for that matter — has no direct representation on the FIFA executive and thereby has to get all its information about major decisions second hand.

It's important that this part of the world has a say in the running of FIFA and its international tournaments and we sincerely hope Sir Arthur will soon receive the vice presidency.

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WHAT'S DIFFERENT?

By the same token, why doesn't the ASF see that similar representation by the PSL clubs is equally essential?

As a result, the cold war between the ASF and PSL is fast hotting up.

Last week a communique issued by PSL manager John Frank (see box on this page) called statements expressed by various club presidents "irresponsible."

The communique was issued on behalf on the PSL executive — which has no Sydney representatives.

It doesn't explain why the media statements by the club presidents were "irresponsible" and doesn't contradict the seemingly legitimate wishes of the clubs to run their own affair.

In recent weeks Les Bordacs (St.George), Frank Labbozzetta (Marconi), Frank Lowy (Sydney City) and Charles Perkins (Canberra) came out with open criticism of the ASF-PSL nexus.

I don't think it will sit too well with any of them to be called irresponsible.

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SPREADING RUMORS

Is Raie Rasic interested in the Canberra coaching job? Could be.

Last week in another newspaper he hotly denied "widespread" rumors that linked him with Canberra City.

We have checked with several good sources in Canberra — nobody has even heard of these "widespread" rumors.

But one of them, musing over the news, muttered pensively: "It's an idea..."

Anyway, if the rumors weren't widespread before, they sure are now.

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PLAYER-COACHES

I'd like to go on record with my belief that our PSL clubs don't need fulltime coaches. Not until they have fulltime players, anyway.

Fulltime managers or manager-coaches are a different story.

But I question the wisdom of using player-coaches in this semi-professional set-up.

Heidelberg has Jimmy Rooney and Pat Bannon in a tandem, Sydney City has Eddie Thomson in that capacity.

The practice is fairly common in Scottish second division, the League of Ireland and Continental amateur clubs.

But I would have thought our Philips League was above that level.

The ideal, from a purist point of view, would seem to have a fulltime soccer manager — secretary and a part-time coach — with the manager being in overall charge.

But it's not easy to find men who are capable administrators, public relations experts and also know their soccer well enough to direct and supervise a coach.

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SEEING BLACK?

Judging by the barbed missile Blacktown City's recent match program has aimed at some of the Press — including us — it's safe to assume that the Gabbieites are deeply hurt over a concensus of opinion which tips them to be either relegated or being close to it.

It's hard to understand this hyper-sensitivity.

When the PSL prospects were assessed, before the season, on all known facts and factors — except hope and prayer — Blacktown City had to be rated as outsiders.

Any other PSL club would have been justified in being outraged had anyone tipped THEM to finish behind Blacktown.

But these are just forecasts, nothing else. And forecasts often go astray.

In fact, doomsday predictions may provide Blacktown players and officials with that extra fortitude which could double their resolve and prove the experts wrong.

For their sake, I hope this is what will happen. But the operative word is 'hope'.

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— Andrew Dettre

NSW STATE LEAGUE

PROLIFIC ARNCLIFFE MAY FIND NEW VICTIM

— By Paul James —

Melita and Olympic on top, Arncliffe in third place and Croatia lying seventh...

That's how the State League table reads after just four rounds have been completed.

Arncliffe's high placing is the biggest surprise to many, though when one considers the depth in the first team squad it becomes clearer to see why they have done so well and scored 13 goals in the process.

This week they have the chance to keep pace with the front running duo by dispatching a disappointing Canterbury.

Although they have three points, Canterbury have not yet even looked like the team they could be, with players of the calibre of Hall, Byles and Williams.

Arncliffe's striking power is second to none in the State League, and now with John Lee starting to perform in midfield, and Alan Ainslie having a second burst of life at the Scots, they should win again.

We tip Arncliffe 3-1.

Leaders Melita, after dropping a surprise point to North Sydney last week, will be out to make sure of both points this week.

However, their opponents are the tough Sutherland unit who also have yet to lose this year.

Sutherland's big problem seems to be in the forward department where they are creating chances but are unable to put them away.

Melita have no such difficulties, and with Ray Farrugia and Ritchie-Williams spearheading them, they could have the edge over the Sharks.

We tip Melita 2-0.

Auburn, lying handily placed on the table after two important, if narrow, wins, take on a Bankstown a little rattled by last week's hammering at the hands of Arncliffe.

Auburn's victories over Manly and Parramatta may not seem prestigious, but could prove vital as the season wears on, for these are just the teams which are likely to knock over the big boys when they least expect it.

Young Jim Field and his partner up front, Mark Ross, are just two of the young Auburn lads leading their team's revival.

Bankstown, caught by surprise by Arncliffe, warn that they won't let any other sides catch them so unguarded.

We tip a Bankstown win 1-0.

Inter Monaro, who have staved off defeat in their last two matches, play host to Parramatta this week.

Obviously hoping for their first win, they could get it against the magpies who are looking for a little ruffled this season after a good start.

It is good to see Maoro Valeri back in Monaro, especially as he is playing so well.

Monaro are relying heavily on young strikers Talevski and Trajanovski to score goals, and this week should provide the ideal situation against fellow struggler, and at home.

We tip Monaro 3-2.

Sydney Olympic have again showed their power by defeating Croatia for the second time within three weeks.

One can therefore hold out little hope for Manly against the Greek giants at Pratten Park this week.

One hitch in Olympic's plans though is the absence of Houssein Housseini who was sent off last week.

Manly's only hope is to rely on their rugged defence and quick counter-attacks along the flank.

So far this year when they have employed those tactics they have caused opponents plenty of bother.

We tip Olympic 3-1.

Croatia, in an uncharacteristic position in the middle of the table, will have more than just pride at stake in the clash with Avala.

Another dropped point or two would see them in a very difficult position for the remainder of the year.

Their downfall this season is a lack of killer instinct — something Atti Abonyi seems to have instilled in he new charges at Melita.

Avala were outplayed for most of the match last week against Sutherland, but their stubborn defence kept them in the match.

We tip Croatia 3-2.

North Sydney caused a few red faces at Melita last week when they looked the equals of their more fancied opponents in every department except sheer skill.

Frank Leyden is showing his goalscoring potential week after week, and he will have to be watched closely by Ku-ring-gai.

The Ku-ring-gai lads, under the leadership of new sweeper Willie Hamilton, pulled their match against Canterbury out of the fire with a great display of character.

Coach Frank Malone feels the team has now turned the corner and will start picking up points.

We tip a 2-2 draw.

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APRIL 12-13

Monaro	v Parramatta	Sunday, Marco Polo
Olympic	v Manly Warring.	Sunday, Pratten Park
Avala	v Croatia	Sunday, Knight Park
Melita	v Sutherland	Sunday, Garside Park
Auburn	v Bankstown	Sunday, Mona Park
Arncliffe	v Cant.-M'ville	Sunday, Hurstville Oval
Ku-ring-gai	v North Sydney	Saturday, Parklands

APRIL 19-20

Bankstown	v Monaro	Sunday, Soccer Centre
Parramatta	v Olympic	Sunday, Garside Park
Manly Warring.	v Avala	Sunday, Cromer Park
Croatia	v Sutherland	Sunday, King Tomislav
Cant.-M'ville	v Auburn	Saturday, Arlington
North Sydney	v Arncliffe	Sunday, Nth. Syd. Oval
Ku-ring-gai	v Melita	Sunday, Parklands Ov.

APRIL 12-13

Uni of NSW	v Revesby	Sunday, David Philips
Leichhardt	v Polonia	Saturday, Lambert Park
Blacktown City	v Penrith	Sunday, Gabbie Stad.
Sydney City	v BYE	
Wollongong	v Yugal	Sunday, Berkeley
Blacktown Utd.	v Bathurst	Sunday, Francis Park
Belmore	v Warringah	Saturday, Blick Oval
St.George	v Marconi	Saturday, St.George

APRIL 19-20

Revesby	v Wollongong	Sunday, Milperra Rsve.
Polonia	v Uni.of NSW	Sunday, Chopin Park
Penrith	v Leichhardt	Sunday, Cook Park
Sydney City	v Blacktown City	Sunday, E.S.Marks Fld.
Yugal	v Blacktown Utd.	Sunday, Concord Oval
Bathurst	v Belmore	Saturday, 2 B.O.D.
Warringah	v St.George	Saturday, Narrabeen
BYE	v Marconi	

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STATE LEAGUE

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North Sydney v Melita	1-1	0-0	1-0
Croatia v Olympic	1-2	1-0	0-3
Sutherland v Avala	0-0	1-1	1-0
Parramatta v Auburn	0-1	0-2	0-3
Bankstown v Arncliffe	1-5	2-1	0-0
Canterbury v Ku-ring-gai	2-2	1-0	1-2
Manly v Monaro	0-0	0-2	—

DIVISION 1

Revesby v Leichhardt	2-2	1-1	1-1
Polonia v Blacktown City	0-3	0-0	0-1
Penrith v Sydney City	1-9	1-1	3-3
Yugal v Uni. NSW	1-5	2-3	1-1
Bathurst v Wollongong	1-2	1-0	0-1
Warringah v Black. Utd.	1-4	0-1	0-3
Marconi v Belmore	2-1	2-0	4-1
Bye: St.George			

Monday:

Revesby v Yugal	3-0	3-0	6-2
Polonia v Bathurst	2-2	3-1	2-0
Penrith v Warringah	2-0	0-1	0-1
Sydney City v Marconi	4-0	3-0	2-0
Black.City v St.George	1-0	1-7	0-3
Leichhardt v Belmore	6-0	3-2	0-0
Uni. NSW v Black.Utd.	2-0	1-0	1-4
Bye: Wollongong			

DIVISION 2

Yagoona v Lethbridge	1-0	1-4	1-0
Camp'town v Lane Cove	1-0	2-0	4-1
Glad.Ravens v N.Bankst.	1-1	2-0	1-5
Baulk.Hills v Glad.Horns.	1-3	1-1	1-3
Marrickville v Queens Pk.	0-1	0-1	4-1
Dee Why v Guildford	0-4	2-2	1-2

DIVISION 3

Port Hacking v Hurstville	1-4	5-1	—
W.Ryde v Liverp.Albions	1-2	0-8	—
Syd.Uni v Artarmon	0-0	2-5	—
Kingsford v Bonnyriggs	0-3	2-1	—
Wenty v Bondi	0-3	2-2	—
N.Ryde v Riverstone	1-1	3-1	—

DIVISION 4

Ryde Dist. v Chelsea	4-0	4-2
Canley Hts. v East Creek	1-2	0-1
West Holroyd v Padstow	3-1	1-2
Maroubra v Paddington	2-4	0-1
Revesby Rov.v Eastwood	0-4	1-4

DIVISION 5

Macq.Uni v Camden	0-1	1-1
Maccabi v Haberfield	1-2	2-1
Concordia v Nth.Rocks	2-2	0-5
Winst.Hills v Edensor Pk.	1-1	8-1
W.St.Geo. v Padstow	0-0	5-1
Fairfield W.v Auburn Jun	4-0	5-1

DIVISION 6

Chullora v Sth.Sydney	9-1	4-1
Glenquarie v Black U.	5-2	6-1
Green Valley v Liv.City	1-2	1-3
Moorebank v Liv.Utd.	1-0	4-0
Liv.Rangers v Bankst.Sp.	1-1	0-1
Hawkesbury v Mt.Pritch.	5-0	9-0

10 YEARS AGO ...20 YEARS AGO ....10 YEARS AGO 20 YEARS AGO.. 10YEARS AGO...

April 8, 1960:
Bobby Young has officially announced his retirement from soccer. An ankle injury has finished the career of this great player, one of the greatest Corrimal has ever had.

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April 8, 1960:
This season, so far, 35,000 have watched the three rounds of the (NSW) competition — 10,000 more than in 1959. When the Federation broke away in 1957, its initial aim was to reach the 10,000 mark at a club game. This figure was bettered five times last season.

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April 10, 1970:
Australian soccer scored a major break-through by asking the Federal Government for a tour grant — and getting it. The Treasury last weekend agreed to give the ASF $3,500 towards the cost of the trip to Saigon on April 20.

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April 10, 1970:
In Melbourne's Middle Park, Victoria and NSW played a 2-2 draw. "We played absolutely horribly," said NSW coach Frank Arok. "I can't explain this."

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BANKSTOWN v ARNCLIFFE SCOTS 1-5(0-3)

Bankstown had no answer to the slick moving Scots who have shown they are finally 'on form' and ready to take on the best of the State League.

There weren't any real weak spots in the Scots side and they played with cohesion and purpose.

Leak opened the scoring early, and after only 11 minutes it was 2-0.

John Lee was Arncliffe's architect in midfield, setting up three goals.

The fourth Arncliffe goal was a beauty, with Oldham rising brilliantly to head in Lee's inswinging corner.

Ainslie also chimed in with one of his scorchers from 25 metres from a freekick.

BANKSTOWN: Lachowicz 3, Thomson 3, Lembryk, Beater 2, Greg Lynch 3, C. Rootsey 3, Rae 3, Tansley 2 (Wilson 46m), Brown 2 (Peck 46m), Daley 3, Davis 2.

ARNCLIFFE: Marsden 4, Ramage 4, Wignall 3, Oldham 4, Ainslie 5, Lee 5, Martin 4, (Hooper 88m), Luckett 3, Montgomery 4, Leak 4 (Foucher 86m), Tracey 4.

Goals: 0-1 Leak (5m), 0-2 Martin (11m), 0-3 Leak (39m), 0-4 Oldham (65m), 0-5 Ainslie (72m), 1-5 Daley (82m).
Referee: K. Small; **crowd:** 351.

— E. Persen

CANTERBURY v KU-RING-GAI 2-2(2-0)

Canterbury, with a strong wind behind them, took the lead in the 28th minute.

Following good lead-up work by Joe Ramisch, Ross Brown crashed the ball into the net.

The second goal came in the 38th minute with Norm Penman heading in a Ramisch corner.

The first half was completely dominated by Canterbury and had they taken all their opportunities could have doubled their lead by the interval.

Ku-ring-gai, with the wind advantage in the second half, had to wait until the 79th minute to open their account with Peter Seech heading home a pass from Jim Herron.

Two minutes later, Ku-ring-gai snatched the equaliser. Paul Jones, who had come on as a substitute midfielder after the interval, hammered home a terrific drive from 30 metres for the best goal of the match.

CANTERBURY: McPherson 3, G. Brown 4, Sheldrick 4, Penman 4, Thomson 3, Byles (Doyle 87m), Williams 4, Kable 4, R. Brown 3, Hall 3, Ramisch 4.

KU-RING-GAI: Taylor 3, Wheatley 4, Hamilton 4, Vousden 2, (Jones 46m), Chambers 3, Geekie 3, Seech 4, Hogg 4, McGill 3, Robertson 2 (Herron 46m), Griffith 3.

Goals: 1-0 R. Brown (28m), 2-0 Penman (38m), 2-1 Seech (79m), 2-2 Jones (81m).
Referee: D. Rennie; **crowd:** 452.

— E. de Mesquita

CROATIA v OLYMPIC 1-2(0-0)

All the goals came in an action packed second half which also saw the sending off of Olympic's star Iranian midfielder Houssein Housseini.

Both goalkeepers were tested early on with some sizzling shots.

In the 12th minute Steve Watson had to cover up a bad defensive mistake when he saved well from Clive Eaton.

Olympic's Gary Meier was also in action when he saved a 40-metre rocket from young Croatia midfielder Wayne Cootes.

The first goal came in the 63rd minute and fell to Croatia's elegant striker Marijan Kovacic who cracked the ball home from five metres after excellent lead up work by Zdenko Kafka.

Mike Cross equalised for Olympic in the 71st minute when his shot sailed through a crowded goalmouth and into the net from 12 metres.

Peter Hensman scored the winner for Olympic four minutes later after a shot from Housseini was blocked.

One minute later Housseini was sent off for misconduct after an earlier caution.

CROATIA: Watson 3, A. Kovacic 4, Cagalj 4, Basic 3, Mullen 3, Savor 3, Coleman 3, (Pagano 81m), Cootes 3, M. Kovacic 4, Kafka 4, Sullivan 3.

OLYMPIC: Meier 4, Ankudinoff 3, Palmer 3, Wilson 4, Rowden 3, Cross 3, Laing 3, Housseini 1 (sent off), Scott 4, Eaton 3 (Zeros 81m), Hensman 4.

Goals: 1-0 A. Kovacic (63m), 1-1 Cross (73m), 1-2 Hensman (75m).
Referee: R. Lorenc; **crowd:** 5,873; **cautions:** Mullen, Sullivan, Housseini; **sent off:** Housseini.

— G. STreeter

NORTH SYDNEY v MELITA 1-1(1-0)

Right from the start Norths looked stronger and the physical tempo of the game suited them perfectly.

Their attacks always looked more dangerous and Leyden was a constant menace.

Already 1-0 up through Leyden's effort, North Sydney could have made it 2-0 when a brilliant corner by Youssef swung into the goal.

But it was disallowed because of a charge on goalkeeper Greedy by Potter — a silly foul really, as Greedy had little chance of reaching the ball.

Despite their lack of skills Norths held their own and were unlucky to give away a penalty for shirt pulling.

From then on it always looked like a draw, with Norths determined to fight for their precious point and Melita a little surprised at the fiery North Sydney performance.

NORTH SYDNEY: Tilsed 2, Walker 3, O'Rourke 3, Miller 2, J. Boltalico 3, Mattheson 3, (Henratty 73m), Youssef 5, Dale 3, Leyden 3, Potter 3, Delaney 4.

MELITA: Greedy 4, Berry 4, MacDonald 2, Darvill 3, Mikas 2, Juchniewicz 3, Williams 4, Farrugia 4, Allan 2, Stoddart 5, H. Jones 3.

Goals: 1-0 Leyden (27m), 1-1 Farrugia (pen.62m).
Referee: T. Seacy; **crowd:** 907.

— G. Bashford

MANLY v INTER MONARO 0-0

Inter Monaro were lucky to escape with a point from a scoreless draw against Manly at Cromer Park.

The speed and enthusiasm of the young Manly players helped them outplay their more illustrious opponents who won last year's grand final.

Manly's downfall was in front of goal where they were unable to finish off moves constructed in midfield.

Manly's David Jack played a dominant role in midfield while the two strong central defenders Bruce Doyle and George Townsend thwarted most of Monaro's attacks.

Inter Monaro midfielder Maoro Valeri sparked some glimpses of his side's flowing style but these were few and far between.

Both Valeri and Manly's Graham Firrell missed point blank opportunities in the second half, wasting great chances to give their sides the lead.

MANLY: Bower 3, Geoghegan 3, Doyle 5, Townsend 5, Ord 4, Riley 4, Jack 6, Dick 4, Stuart 5, Firrell 4, Vale 3 (Burchett 85m).

MONARO: Antonopoulos 3, Crawford 3, Charles 3, Noble 4, O'Neil 3, Santolin 4, Falzon 3, Valeri 6, Talevski 3 (Sheridan 68m), Heywood 4, Trajanoski 4.

Referee: A. Boskovic; **crowd:** 320.

— P. Bevan

SUTHERLAND v AVALA 0-0

Sutherland were unable to convert their superiority into goals, mainly because of a solid Avala defence.

In the first period the entire Sutherland backline pushed forward into attack and with Bob Smith controlling midfield there were plenty of openings for Sutherland's strikers but the packed Avala defence managed to break up any threat of danger.

Avala relied almost entirely on fast break-aways for their attacks, but Vic Dal Forno and Keith and Ron Schumann for Sutherland easily handled the rare Avala breakouts.

Before halftime both Smith and Mark Harrington had shots which rattled the woodwork while Neil Malone twice blasted the ball over the bar from close range.

Avala goalkeeper Peter Ahrens gave a superb display in the difficult, windy conditions and kept his side in the game with some brilliant saves.

When Smith had to leave the field with an injury in the second period Avala's John Lavin began to dominate for his side and caused the Sutherland defence some problems.

Late in the game Sutherland picked up the pace again but still were unable to break through for the winner.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes 3, Hesford 3, R. Schumann 3, Smith 4, (Rogers 65m), Dal Forno 3, Tasker 2, Harrington 3, Meades 3, Bush 2 (Williams 84m), K. Schumann 3, Malone.

AVALA: Ahrens 4, Bateman 2, Patterson 2, Barton 3, R. Griffiths 3, Kodor 3, Djurisic 3, Lavin 3, Pilovski 3, Milne 2, Till 2.

Referee: B. Wilkinson; **crowd:** 850.

— R. Dewick

PARRAMATTA v AUBURN 0-1(0-0)

Often bruising and at times even spiteful, the match was played at a tremendous pace with the first quarter of the game being a rugged midfield battle.

The first real chance fell to Auburn when John McCranor shot wide after 14 minutes, but too many attacks broke down through a lack of basic skills.

Parramatta's problem was their inability to keep possession, while Auburn's weakness appeared to be the failure of strikers to move into space.

With the match seemingly headed for a scoreless draw Auburn's replacement striker Jim Field slammed home a 30-metre shot for the winner in the 88th minute.

Parramatta have some reason to feel a little unlucky as their off-side trap and close marking seemed to be containing Auburn until field got in his powerful shot.

PARRAMATTA: Donovan 3, Jordan 3, Bigland 3, Lackey 3, Barron 3, Forwood 2, Brizuela 2 (Haydec 80m), Fisher 4, Stevenson 5, Waldron 3, Nitya 3.

AUBURN: Gisbourne 3, McCoy, Dobson 3, McKenndrick 4, McMillan 3, McDonald 3, Quigley 4, Bertram 3 (Carter 80m), McCranor 3, (Field 70m), Ross 5, McCulloch 3.

Goal: 0-1 Field (88m).
Referee: G. Warne; **crowd:** 251; **cautions:** Jordan, McCranor.

— E. Morrison

WORLD NEWS

CHA TAKES ALL KICKS IN HIS LONG STRIDE

Korea's Franz Beckenbauer — that's how an admiring West German Press has nicknamed Eintracht Frankfurt's tall (182cm) striker Bum-kun Cha, aged 26.

He joined Frankfurt a year ago from the small second division club Darmstadt for a nominal fee — and is now valued at $1,000,000.

Cha is the true gentle giant — a reincarnation of former Welsh idol John Charles.

In every match they trip him, scratch him and even spit on him — but he has never once retaliated or even looked at his assailant.

His legs are like a topographical map, full of red, blue and black scars, lumps and wounds — but Cha never complains.

"There is just no way of stopping him," says his manager, Udo Klug. "He is the best and most willing striker I have ever known in my life."

Cha takes everything in his stride.

"In Korea we concentrate on clever football," he says, "while in the Bundesliga, it's much harder.

"With every clash, every tackle, you get a kick or a shove and most referees judge these so-called 'duels' as normal."

Cha has been upset only once so far with any referee, named Eschweiler who, after the match against Stuttgart, said, perhaps with heavy German humor:

"Cha can't speak German yet but he can sure fall on the ground."

Others, though speak in superlatives of the Korean who intends to stay in the Bundesliga for another five years — until he is 31.

"He produces moves which so far we have not seen in German soccer," says one critic.

"It's absolutely remarkable how placid he is even when he is hacked," says Frankfurt coach Fridel Rausch.

"Maybe it's the Asian temperament, maybe it's his religion."

Cha is a deeply religious man, a preacher in the Evangelical Church.

In Seoul, he often preached before 3,000 people; in Frankfurt, he never misses Sunday church service.

Cha may be remembered by Sydney fans: he was seen here twice.

The first time in 1973 when South Korea played a 0-0 draw in at the Sportsground.

The second time was in August 1977 when he was the best midfielder of the Koreans in their 1-2 loss to Australia.

He also played later in 1977 in Seoul against Australia — and Alan Maher had to make a brilliant save from him to keep his slate clean.

Maybe in 1981 we will be fortunate enough to see him for a third time in the World Cup matches.

Cha (left), celebrated hero of Frankfurt, possible World Cup threat to Australia's chances.

Pool cheats

Bail has been granted to 11 top soccer players and Felice Colombo, the president of AC Milan club, jailed in the worst football scandal in Italian history.

The 12 men, accused of taking bribes from two illegal bookmakers to "throw" games, were arrested 16 days ago.

Chief magistrate Ernesto Cudillo fixed bail for Colombo at $22,000 and for the players at $5,500 to $11,000.

The bailed men include four players from first division Lazio and two from AC Milan.

The Lazio captain, Giuseppe Wilson, and the team's top striker, Bruno Giordano, were among those arrested.

Their accusers, Rome restaurateur Alvaro Trinca and grocer Massimo Cruciani, allege they handed out bribes of up to $12,000 each to 27 players from 12 teams to "fix" games.

After the players failed to produce the agreed results, Trinca and Cruciani laid charges.

Trinca and Cruciani claimed that this caused them to lose $1.8 million in illegal bets.

The two accusers were jailed on serious fraud charges and released on bail.

If the charges are proved, the players and their accusers risk up to five years in jail.

The Italian Soccer Federation is holding a separate inquiry that could mean life bans for the players and relegation of their teams to lower divisions.

OVERSEAS BRIEFS

• *Florian Albert, former Hungarian star, has returned to Budapest from his coaching job in Lybia, in West Africa and has taken over the junior teams of his old club, Ferencvaros.*

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• *Switzerland has scored two brilliant wins in the last 14 days: 2-0 over Czechoslovakia and another 2-0 over Greece, under new manager Leon Walker.*

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• *West Germany defeated Austria 1-0 in a friendly international in Munich.*

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• *So far these countries have qualified for the final 16 of this year's UEFA tournament: Northern Ireland, Norway, Finland, West Germany, Poland, England, Spain, France and Italy.*

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• *After losing its second match 2-0 to Belgium, the disappointing Uruguay managed to win their third European game, beating Luxemburg 1-0.*

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• *In Paris, France and Holland played a 0-0 draw last week.*

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• *This was the England team which beat Spain 2-0 in Barcelona: Shilton, Neal (Hughes), Mills, Wilkins, Watson, Thompson, Kennedy, Coppell, Keegan, Woodcock, Francis (Cunningham). How many of them will be in the team to play Australia on May 31?*

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• *UEFA will start a regular tournament from next year for national under-16 teams.*

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• *In Budapest, Hungary beat Poland 2-1 in a friendly. The Poles have never yet managed even a draw in Budapest over the years.*

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• *The USSR beat Bulgaria 3-1 in Sofia in another friendly.*

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• *In a World Cup elimination match, Eire beat Cyprus 3-2 in Nicosia.*

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• *Hugo Gatti, goalie of the Argentinian Boca Juniors — who missed the World Cup in 1978 because of injury — has signed for New York Cosmos.*

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• *FC Zurich have sacked manager Zlatan Cajkovski and replaced him with Albert Sing — 63.*

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• *FIFA has readmitted the former Rhodesia into its membership, under its new name, Zimbabwe. Rhodesia was expelled 10 years ago.*

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• *Nigeria won the final of the African Cup, beating Algeria 3-0 in Lagos — in front of 100,000 spectators.*

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• *Brian Clough, Nottingham's manager, on the recent poor form of his players: "We could regain our old form only if our players devoted the same time and energy to soccer which they spend on real estate deals, sponsorship negotiations and other private matters."*

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• *Kevin Keegan played his 50th international for England against Spain. He made his debut in 1972, against Wales.*

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• *The new coach of Atletico Madrid is Marcel Domingo, former national goalie of France who is actually returning to the club after five years absence. His last club was the small Huelva.*

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• *Former all-time great goalie of Moscow Dynamo, Aleksei Homic, who thrilled British crowds in 1945, was 60 last week — and still plays in the old boys' team.*

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• *Daniel Allende, star of the Uruguay second division team Central Espanol, was recently transferred — for 550 pork chops plus another 25 chops per week, enabling his small club to provide a dinner for their players after matches. Allende has joined first division club Rentistas, whose president is a butcher.*

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• *Ruediger Abramczik, Schalke's former West German international, may be soon placed on the transfer list. For about 10 months now he has been playing many notches below his best.*

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• *Meanwhile, another blow to Schalke: their current international central striker, Klaus Fischer, suffered a fractured leg in the match against Bayer Uerdingen and will be out for at least three months — also missing the European Championship finals in June.*

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• *In the last 12 months, the 92 English League clubs have spent $74,000,000 on transfer fees. Last year the sum was $32,000,000 and in 1978 only $10,000,000. The most expensive signings: Gray (Wolves) and Daley (Man.City), each $3,000,000.*

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• *"As long as Jose Plaza will remain a referee, Barcelona cannot win a Spanish title," so said a club official recently.*

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• *Czechoslovakian national goalie Hruska, who suffered a fractured cheekbone in the match in Newcastle in February, has since recovered and resumed his place in his team, Bohemians. Then last week he broke his hand in the match against Sparta Prague.*

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• *Hugo Francis, an official, was suspended for six years by the Trinidad and Tobago FA for "conspiring against and damaging the interests of the Association." Let's hope the ASF executive doesn't get any ideas...*

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• *Dr. Andrew Stephen, former Chairman of the English Football Association — despite being a Scot — died recently in Sheffield. Some years ago he visited Australia with an FA team.*

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